

Team Framingham 2016 -- Charitable Organization Biographies

○ **Art beCAUSE Breast Cancer Foundation**

The mission of Art beCAUSE Breast Cancer (a 501C3 public foundation) is to fund scientific research on the environmental causes of breast cancer and to educate the public on how prevention can be achieved. We believe that once the public is aware of how many toxins are affecting our health; and the scientific research confirms their impact on our bodies, we will be able to move forward to prevention of breast and other cancers. Only with scientific evidence can we prevail on companies to develop and create healthy products.

We designate the monies raised by our runners to be put directly into research for a program we are funding at Boston University School of Public Health and Tufts School of Public Health. Called "Investing in Prevention," the consortium involves 5 esteemed existing labs who have joined together under this umbrella project as a team. Each lab has its own designated researcher working on "Investing in Prevention." The project is a multi- year, \$5 million investment in preventing breast cancer and was launched in 2014.

*Art beCAUSE Breast Cancer Foundation also **educates the public** on the importance of knowing the causes so we can prevent cancer. Our researchers tell us that the work they are doing will lead to other discoveries about cancer; and that steps to prevention will be built only through very targeted scientific study looking at the ENVIRONMENT and its impact on our lives.*

*We believe that **future generations** must learn about the toxins in the air; in our food and in consumer products so they can develop new healthier ways of living their lives. If we do not figure this out, the cancer rates will simply continue to soar.*

○ **Framingham High School Foundation**

The mission of the Framingham High School Foundation (FHSF) is to financially supplement activities, arts and athletics at the Framingham High School which may otherwise be restricted due to budgetary limitations. We firmly believe that after school activities are important opportunities for students to explore their passions outside of the classroom for their healthy social and emotional growth. FHSF is funded through private tax-deductible donations and by the annual Salute to Framingham. Since inception in 2004, FHSF has been able to award approximately \$15,000 annually to Framingham High School extracurricular activities. Examples of student programs supported over the past several years include:

- *Robotics Club*
- *Open Verse*
- *Marching Band*

- Drama Club
- Gay Straight Alliance Club
- Flyer TV
- FHS Yearbook
- Uniforms and equipment for several athletic teams
- Indoor Practice time for athletic teams
- Championship/Post Season travel for athletic teams, Robotics Club and arts groups

FHSF is a 501 c 3, managed by a Board of parent volunteers. For more information, go to www.framinghamhighschoolfoundation.org.

○ Framingham History Center

The Framingham History Center was established in 1888 as the Framingham Natural History and Historical Society. The mission of the Framingham History Center is to preserve and share Framingham's history in order to encourage connection to community.

The town of Framingham is best known for its busy thoroughfares, and densely populated downtown. This image overshadows a history that is as rich as the history of its neighboring towns, where heritage is a major portion of its economic and cultural base. Framingham's history has taken a back seat to over 60 years of enormous changes that have impacted the town's sense of community. It is time to showcase Framingham's heritage and reap the rewards that benefit other neighboring towns. We do this by providing a rich offering of public events, lectures, exhibitions, celebrations, and tours, we inspire and educate the public, provide community gatherings, and share historical research resources with all.

We are a non-profit organization that depends largely on memberships and donations to perform our mission of preserving and sharing Framingham's unique history and culture.

○ Friends of the Callahan Senior Center

The mantra of the Friends is to support the Callahan Center for programs and projects that budget constraints do not allow. We do have grants and such but as a "municipal" entity we can only do so much. Hence the Friends work to raise money to "grow the needs of our community".

The program that we offer called "Continuing Connections" is one area that we work hard to subsidize. This offers a FREE ongoing brain health program that is sponsored by the Town of Framingham, BayPath Elder Services Title III funding and the Friends of Callahan. It is for Metrowest community residents with early stage dementia and/or Alzheimer's and their care partners to continue the connections that still remain intact and work together with education and professional and peer support for the care partners. The program includes exercise conditioning which incorporates art, music, pet therapy, peer lunches, and related activities.

○ Resiliency for Life

The Resiliency for Life program is a voluntary academic and drop-out prevention program at Framingham High School. The program provides individualized educational and personal support systems to students who are at risk of academic failure and experiencing social and emotional difficulties. The program's goal is to keep students in school and develop in them the intuitive drive to do their best. Founded in 1999, the program has helped hundreds of students achieve their goal of graduating from high school, with many of these graduates enrolling in college or joining the armed forces. Resiliency for Life has met with remarkable success balancing iron-clad accountability with deep professional relationships so that students feel a sense of community and are eager to learn.

Resiliency services include daily tracking and monitoring of all school work, academic progress reports twice monthly, parent meetings twice monthly, tutoring, on-site therapy, crisis intervention, after-school program, peer tutoring, summer program for freshmen, MCAS and SAT prep classes, leadership retreats, a Senior Seminar, community service, and graduate support. Our results have caught the attention of the community: students in the program demonstrate significant improvement in their grade point averages (GPA) compared to their GPA before they entered the program. Absenteeism drops by about 55% for students in the program. Incredibly, 64% of RFL graduates are in college or have graduated from college, joined the military, or earned a certificate in a professional trade.

The students and their parents rely heavily on the good will of private individuals to support Resiliency for Life. We feel honored that Resiliency has been chosen by the Town of Framingham to become a non-profit that will be supported by the kindness of a marathon runner.

○ Voices Against Violence

Voices Against Violence, a division of the South Middlesex Opportunity Council, is a domestic violence and rape crisis center serving the Greater Framingham/Marlboro region of Metrowest. Guided by a philosophy of Empowerment, Voices staff work in partnership with individuals and families to ensure their safety, create stable home environments, gain independence, and to develop personal and economic self-sufficiency. Voices is also a social change organization, working on a community and societal level through community outreach and education.

Each year Voices provides free and confidential services to over 3000 victims and survivors including a 24hr hotline, crisis intervention, information and referral, counseling and advocacy, emergency shelter and supervised visitation services. All services are offered in English, Spanish and Portuguese and are offered regardless of income, race, gender, sexual orientation or immigration status.

Team Framingham 2016		Charity	Fundraising Link
Baram	Cherry	Art beCause	http://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausebreastcanc2/fundraiser/cherrybaram
Bridge	Jason	Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausefoundation1/fundraiser/jasonbridge
Coe	Richard	Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausebreastcanc1/fundraiser/richardcoe
Erturk-Hasdemir	Deniz	Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausefoundation4/fundraiser/denizerturkhasdemir
Gordon	Lane	Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecausefoundation/fundraiser/lanegordon
Nickerson	Mark	Art beCause	https://www.crowdrise.com/artbecause1/fundraiser/marknickerson
Dauley	Deb	FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation2016/fundraiser/debdauley
Fitterer	Mary	FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/marysmarathonfundrai/fundraiser/maryfitterer
Halberstadt	Andrew	FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation20163/fundraiser/andrewhalberstadt
Jones	Brian	FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/framinghamhighschool1/fundraiser/brianjones18
Martins	Roberto	FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation20164/fundraiser/robertomartins
Peplowski	Krysta	FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation20162/fundraiser/krystapeplowski
Rubin	Jerome	FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/fhsfoundation20161/fundraiser/jerryrubin1
White Harvey	Leslie	FHS Foundation	https://www.crowdrise.com/framinghamhighschool2
Campbell Matton	Amelia	Friends of Callahan	https://www.crowdrise.com/ameliasbostonmaratho/fundraiser/ameliamatton
Cunningham	Bree	Friends of Callahan	https://www.crowdrise.com/friendsofthecallahan1/fundraiser/breecunningham
Fitzpatrick	Meaghan	History Center	https://www.crowdrise.com/2016bostonmarathon2/fundraiser/meaghanfitzpatrick
Hannan	Hayley	History Center	https://www.crowdrise.com/2016bostonmarathon2/fundraiser/hayleyhannan
Marshall	Jonathan	Resiliency	https://www.crowdrise.com/resiliencyforlife/fundraiser/marshallrf1
Moore	Bob	Resiliency	https://www.crowdrise.com/resiliencyforlife1/fundraiser/bobmoore2
Rodericks	Stephen	Voices	https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/stephen-rodericks/VoicesAgainstViolence
Shim	Daniel	Voices	https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/daniel-shim/bmarathon